

Day 5

[Enter Mark, Joy, Lucas, and Kelly right]

Mark: Good morning guys! I think we should start off the morning right with some prayer.

Lucas: Can I go first?

Mark: Sure.

Lucas: Ok. Dear God, please watch over us today. Keep us safe and help us to trust in you. I pray you would also rescue us. Amen.

Joy: I'll go next. Jesus, please be with our families at home. Help them not to worry too much about us. I know you see us out here. Please help us. Amen.

Mark: Heavenly Father, thank You for protecting us these past few days. Please help each of us to listen to Your voice. I pray that You would bring us back home so we can be safe with our families. Amen. How about you, Kelly?

Kelly: God, get us off this island! You happy?

Mark: Thanks Kelly. OK gang, let's get breakfast started. How much food do we have in the basket?

Joy: [Checks the basket] Uh oh, it looks like we're all out.

Lucas: No food? What are we going to do?

Mark: Don't worry, God will take care of us.

Kelly: I think I've had enough of God taking care of us for one week.

[Thunder sound, then rain, lights go dark]

Joy: That's not good. Looks like a storm's coming.

Kelly: Could this get any worse?

[Animal growling sounds]

Lucas: What was that?

Kelly: It sss..sssounds ll...like a wild aaaa...animal!

Joy: Dad, I'm scared! [They all gather in together]

Mark: I'm scared too. Lord, please protect our family.

[There's a flash of light, then the plant by the left entrance begins to shake.]

Lucas: What do you think that was?

Kelly: It's probably a bear...

Joy: Or a wolf...

Lucas: Or a...

[Enter captain left]

Captain: Mark! Joy! Kelly! Lucas! Is that you?

Kelly: Yeah it is, who are you?

Captain: Your family sent me to rescue you, follow me!

Mark: Let's go.

Kelly: finally we're saved!

[They all exit left celebrating. Graphic of boat on PPT. All enter right.]

Joy: Thank you so much for coming to get us.

Lucas: It was really brave of you to come out all this way to rescue us.

Kelly: Yeah, thanks. How did you know we were out here?

Captain: Your parents were all worried when they didn't hear back from you on Monday. They called the coast guard and we saw that a storm hit this area around the time you left. We've been searching for days, I'm glad we finally found you.

Mark: Wow, that's incredible! The Lord was looking out for us the whole time! My family and I thank you for your help.

Captain: Of course! Now I have to head back up to the bridge, but make yourselves comfortable. [He exits right.]

Joy: Dad, you were right! God was taking care of us while we were on the island and we didn't even know it.

Lucas: Yeah, and when we prayed for help, he saved us!

Mark: That's right! Isn't it amazing how the Lord takes care of us?

Kelly: What are you guys even talking about?

Mark: What do you mean, Kelly?

Kelly: All this talk about Jesus taking care of us and saving us... don't you hear how crazy you sound? If there even is a God, He's the reason we ended up on that island in the first place. Why would He let that happen to us?

Mark: Kelly, I know that our time on the island was difficult, but look at all He did. He showed you guys the many ways He can speak to you, Lucas became a believer, and you all saw His power and ability to save you when Jesus rescued you from the island.

Kelly: Oh come on, Uncle Mark. You know that Jesus didn't rescue us from that island. The captain of this boat did. If

God really loved us, why wouldn't He come and save us Himself?

Mark: He did... just not the way you think.

Kelly: Huh?

Mark: When God looked at the world and saw that it was in trouble, He sent His Son Jesus to save us.

Kelly: So what?

Mark: Just as we saw this week that God can speak to us through other people, His Word, and the Holy Spirit, God spoke to us through His Son during Jesus' life on earth. Jesus told us that we all had sinned against God, which means doing things that God says is wrong, and our sin separates us from God forever.

Kelly: That's not very good news.

Mark: No it isn't, but the story doesn't end there. Jesus also told us that we could be forgiven of our sins. He lived a perfect life, but died on the cross to pay the punishment for sin that we deserved.

Kelly: He did that... *for me?*

Mark: He sure did. Then three days later, He rose again from the dead. Now He offers us a chance to be forgiven so that we can be with Him forever.

Kelly: I can't believe how selfish I've been! This whole time God has been looking after me and loving me, and He even sent His own Son to die for me, yet all I've done is doubt Him, complain, and make fun of you guys for believing in Him. I doubt He'd even want to forgive me.

Joy: But He does, Kelly. He loves all of us even when we sin.

Lucas: He forgave me. He can forgive you too.

Mark: That's right, guys. He offers forgiveness to anyone. The Bible says that God so loved the world that He sent His One and Only Son so that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life.

Kelly: That's amazing. How can I have Jesus forgive me and give me eternal life?

Joy: Can I answer this one?

Mark: Sure.

Joy: The Bible says that if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God rose Him from the dead, you will be saved. Do you believe that?

Kelly: Yes, I do believe that!

Joy: Then pray and ask Jesus to forgive your sins. Tell Him you want Him to be your Lord and Savior.

Kelly: OK. Jesus, I'm sorry for all the things I've said about You and the bad things I've done. Would You please forgive me? I want You to be my King, and I want to obey You for the rest of my life. Please be my Lord and Savior. Amen.

Lucas: [Gives Kelly a hug] Welcome to the family!

Kelly: What are you doing? Lucas, we've always been family.

Lucas: I know, but now we're both part of a new family: God's family. Let's have a big family hug [They all do a group hug].

Mark: Well, speaking of family, looks like we're at the shore. Look, everyone's here!

Joy: I can't wait to tell them all that happened.

Lucas: Come on, let's go! [Lucas and Joy exit left]

Mark: What about you Kelly? Aren't you going to run and see your parents?

Kelly: I am, but first... [she gives Mark a sudden, unexpected hug] thank you Uncle Mark! I'm so, so sorry.

Mark: Oh it's okay, Kelly. What for?

Kelly: All week, you've been trying to tell me about God, but I wasn't listening. God has been trying to speak to me for five days, but I didn't start listening until now. Thank you for being so patient with me and continuing to tell me about Jesus, even when I didn't want to listen.

Mark: Of course, Kelly. After all the love Jesus has shown me, it's only right that I share His love with others. I'm so proud of you, and I'm so happy you're following Jesus now. Now let's go see your parents. I bet they can't wait to hear about what happened to you.

[They exit left]